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1. On 18 July 1953, Polish warships [redacted] were about 100 to 200 meters upstream from the former Westerplatte ammunition harbor on the Westerplatte at the Danzig harbor. Some sailors were cleaning decks.

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2. At 6 p.m. on 21 July 1953, a large minesweeper, which had a gun on the foredeck and a crane just aft of her smokestack, and five smaller minesweepers, approximately 1,000 meters off, were observed about two sea miles east of Hel. They were followed by a tugboat which had a target in tow at a distance of about 80 meters and which came from a northeasterly direction and, after the sweepers, put into Hel harbor. [redacted] two smoke buoys in this sea area. They produced a flat smoke screen. Destroyer BLYSKAWICA was in Hel harbor. At 9:45 a.m. on 22 July 1953, Polish navy warship KRAB was on her way from Gdynia to Hel. She [redacted]

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up to 100 to 150 civilians and navy men on her deck. Destroyer BLYSKAWICA, dressed in rainbow fashion in celebration of the day of the liberation of Poland, was seen in Hel harbor at 9:45 a.m. on 22 July 1953.

3. On 28 July 1953, a small Polish warship seen in the former Westerplatte ammunition harbor carried a twin machine gun with thick water jackets around the barrels which a sailor continually turned left and right.

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the barrels which a sailor continuously turned left and right. [redacted] he greased the traversing gear. At 9 a.m. on 23 July 1953, six large minesweepers entered Danzig harbor from seaward. Two large minesweepers with their paravanes out proceeded toward Putzig (Puck). A gray landing craft, which seemed unarmed, also proceeded in this direction, coming from Gdynia. [redacted] several salvage vessels in

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Putziger Wiek and [ ] salvage operations were performed [ ]  
in three places. On 23 July navy ship KRAB was sighted near gas buoy HL 2  
as she proceeded from Gdynia to Hel with no passengers on deck. [ ]

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as she proceeded from Guyana to her wish to pass through the [redacted] destroyer BLYSKAWICA and two smaller vessels were in northeast direction. The two smaller vessels later left [redacted]

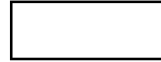
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the destroyer, steering for Hel [redacted] One  
[redacted] was unarmed, carried something like the word torpedo on her bows and seemed to be a torpedo retriever. At about 10 a.m. on 26 July 1953, destroyer BLYSKAWICA was about 7 sea miles north from Heisterneest, performing rapid and well executed turning maneuvers."

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4. On the afternoon of 7 August 1953, a Polish sail school ship was about 15 sea miles east of Kristiansund. [redacted] she was the former German sail schoolship ELIZABETH. She was steering southeast, making about three or four knots. A gray steamer of about 3,000 to 4,000 tons dwt which, [redacted] was a former German sporttrecher was seen at some distance from, and steering parallel with, the sail ship. The steamer had very low masts with cross trees, rather high bridge structures and high deck superstructure aft of the smokestack which was even higher than the bridge structure and seemed to be almost level with the low mast trucks. At about 8 p.m. on 8 August 1953, the sail school ship again followed by the single-stacker was sighted off Rikhoest, making for the Bay of Danzig. She had all sails set and made about three knots.

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